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Walking under water

They gather yet again in this aged city square –
 They gather under
 Old wells our grandmother's rugged hands
 carved
 underneath our grandfather's foul-mouthed
 land.
 Rumor has it that it was borrowed while
 he danced to tempered beats of hokey village
 drums.
 How these new ones also come together in
 fogged out city
 lights to retell a story trapped in the trials
 of dead beat winds –
 The Story of dried up bones.
 Their yearning
 to rise one more time above cloudy waters –
 To rise
 How these new ones gather one more time –
 Dressed in double-breasted coats,
 under murky moons to speak
 of brittle bosoms
 of buried bones
 of borrowed lands – To rise

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